by painting and general renovation.

It is suggested that the money due the

program being given, with several interest-

Hardware, a trade publication, states

dently a mistake. Such a firm is located at

putting in large heavy steel rails from a

as far down the line as Palmer.

About 50 men were at work last Sumlay

Leroy Barber, while at work at F. M.

Watte's million the Brook road last Friday,

had one finger several from his left hand and another badly mangled by contact

Rev. F. J. Parry gave an interesting

Music lovers are anticipating an evening

band as announced last week. The Boston Journal says "it is the universal ex-

ssion that the band is by all odds the

The Chase-Rutterfield case mentioned

of week was continued through Saturday.

shed as Mr. Chase claimed, but the other

The Springfield Republican records the

Shanks of Palmer for \$1000. This

Mr. Chase was awarded \$1.00 damages,

Three of the corners of the lot were estab-

corner was set back two feet and four inches, thus cutting off a small triangular

suit in the Hampden county court of H. O. Coolidge of Brattleboro against James

suit is brought to recover the value of a

note and for money due on a real estate

If the weather of the past week contin-

es it will be in order to boom Brattleboro.

as a winter resort. On Monday a higher

and on Tuesday the same temperature was recorded as in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Combs is now getting his eigar box

manufacturing business established on El-

liot street. Emma Tooley, an expert box

maker, comes here from Shelburne Falls to work for him. Mr. and Mrs. Combs

are at present boarding at Mrs. Doolittle's

The John S. Tyler camp Sons of Veter-

ans have chosen these officers for the com-

ing year: Captain, Clarence D. Carpen

ter: first lieutenant, Charles E. Downer:

second lieutenant, George M. Clay; com-

pany council, first, Arthur I. Howe; second, W. C. Bailey; third, George Miller;

delegate, Charles R. Downer; alternate,

The 3:15 c. M. train over the New Lon-

don road, G. L. Spafford conductor and F.

day evening and Westminster on Wednes-

day evening. These concerts have at-

The Baptist turkey supper and Christ-

was about \$100. An especially pleasing

number was a violin solo by Grace Eels

with piano accompainment by her sister.

were brought in by the members of

Christmas for pupils in another school.

to read the Youth's Companion for a

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to control its affairs.

ing wide attention and that:

has recently declined a very flattering

offer from a leading church in New York

I Am an Old Man.

Shall be 79 years of age next June, and for the last six years have suffered from general debility and old age. At times I could not get out of bed without help. I commenced to take Sulphur Bitters. In a week I felt stronger and got a mighty fine appetite. I still continued their use, and today I walked over three miles without feeling tired, something I haven't done in five years before. Sulphur Bitters is a right smart medicine.—George Brown, Keokuk, Ia.

making 13 stops, in 136 minutes

If Dispers.

Orange, Mass.

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George M. Clay.

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Mr. Wales will begin a new class for young ladies, misses and masters, Saturday December 12, at 9:30 a. a. It is desired that all be present

Will give you good bargain in fancy embroid-ered and lines bandkerchiefs: also elegant China silk embroidered and initial 2 cents each

A large variety of Calendars at Clarg & Jones's TENEMENT TO BEST in house 21 Chestaut street Enquire of Richardson at Perry's wood yard or O. Peltier. West Chesterfield.

Good solid tak casels at Retting Bros. Beautiful pictures, new mouldings in latest styles and effects at Clapp & Jones's

HYRN BOORS AND BIRLES. Have your name stamped on them. W. F. Goddard will do it for you at his Bookbindery in Harmony Block. Leave your laundry at Knapp's for the best

The "Posen" Photograph Albums are the lest.

Buy Picture Frames of Geddis. conford and Bagster teacher's Bibles, full line at Clapp & Jones's

Johnson's gold pens, Clapp & Jones's Calendars, booklets and cards displayed a

Chapp & Jones's Saturday Don't forget our special sale of underwear, he

siery and gloves; also a good all-wood triest flan-nel at 25 cents a yard T. W. Bansano. WANTED - up men to smoke the celebrated

New California raisins, 8 cents-per lic. Pure soda, 5 cents per lo., 6 lbs. for 25 cents. Best salt pork, 10 cents a lb. Sugar cured hams at 12 cents alb. Special prices on flour for cash. Cottolene the healthy substitute for lard. Everybody pleased with it. A trial will convince all of its merits. H. W. Simonds, at Stickney Bros., stand Visit our special Handkerchief sale. Siik, Embroidered, Linen. Initial and Fancy Handker chiefs. T. W. Bannann.

Centennial edition of Old Farmer's Almanae at

We wish to announce to Xmas lookers that it we cannot please them with any goods we may have in stock in diamonds, watches, or fine jewelry, we shall be pleased to procure an assortment notice, from the largest wholsale house in New RANGER & TROMPSON

Diaries, 1992. Clapp & Jones. Last Photograph offer of the Art Photograph that day we shall return to the old price. A large, magnificent frame, 15x17 outside, of su-perb design, in steel bronze, with your picture ounted in it and 12 cabinets for only \$2. Here a a chance of a lifetime. Come quickly or you will lose your last chance to get fine pictures at a

WANTED-A second-hand safe. Kidder & Edwards, Newfane, Vt.

field will be at the Brooks House next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 15 and 16, with an elegant line of French pattern hats, and wishes to call the Braves from the hunting grounds of Entattention of our ladies to her goods, which are offered at a great reduction on the usual price of such patterns, to introduce her busine Mrs. Stratton makes a specialty of designs t match costumes, and has a choice variety of promise our ladies ample reward for an hour ing milliner's of the day.

The Brooks House Hack and Coup-Line

Is now under one management and is prepare o carry passengers to and from all traall parts of the village. Orders may be given by telephone to the Brooks. House, coupe stand on Main street, or at the Brooks House stables. All baggage carried free. We shall strive by prompt and courteous service to merit the public patron H. O. Coolings. We Were Mad

At the Phoenix: when we found customers co

and our advertisement still in. But we have any of such tasteful variety and prices as will please. Can't describe them. Cail of

BRATTLEBORO. A. Starkey as assignee has sold the Reed

lumber yard business to Holden & Martin for about \$3500. The first of a series of six dances will given by the Order of the Eastern Star

at Masonic hall Thursday evening. H. M. Adams of the Brattleboro Livery company has had his house in Marlbord

connected with the telephone exchange. give a 5 o'clock tea at their rooms on Mon-

day afternoon, December 21. The stage route between Brattleboro and Wilmington has been sold to Smith & Titus of Wilmington, who took possession

on Monday. Four carloads of spruce trees, to be shipped to the cities for Christmas use, were prought down on the narrow gauge train

The ladies of the Universalist societyhave engaged the town hall for the evenings of January 27 and 28, when their an-

Mr. Barrett of South Framingham Mass., was in town on Tuesday and bought 20 sheep of W. F. Bichardson & Co., to

There is a general agreement among the business firms selling holiday goods to keep their stores open every evening until after

be shipped to Billerica, Mass.

The pupils of Miss Sawyer's school are to have a geography match at Harmony hall Monday evening. The pupils will be dressed to represent different countries and a prize will be given to the one answering the largest number of questions.

The ladies' aid society held a meeting at Grand Army hall on Monday evening, when officers were nominated. During the evening Capt. H. C. Streeter gave an in-teresting talk on war life with a cavalry

The St. Andrews brotherhood of the Episcopal church are to publish a paper, to known as the Parish Record, and ed to the parish work. It will be issued six times in the year an I Commander Brown will be the editor.

The Dermont Phonix.

A meeting of the creditors of Boss White was held on Tuesday, when 72 claims were presented, and A. Starkey was chosen assignee.

Sixty people attended the supper which was given by Friendship circle at Old Fellows hall Wednesday evening.

Brattleboro High school class of '95 display a large new sign on Crosby block.

It is expected that the next meeting of the Vermont Life Underwriters' association will be held in Brattleboro in Feb-

A special meeting of the members of Friendship circle is called at Mrs. A. H. Combs's, 61 Main street, Wednesday even-of the officers' school ing, Dec. 16. Business, election of officers. tional guard will be held at Brandon in Our West Dover correspondent tells to: February. nam county hasn't a variety of natural re-

The Green street book club's annual sale was held at Mr. Vinton's on Monday was a large attendance

Pomona grange will be held with Protecfive grange next Thursday. Officers will be decided at that time and other important business transacted, and there will be a reasonable prices has built up a good

To-morrow is the date of U. P. Gilson's large anerion, when 25 horses, 50 deighs,

Real estate exchanges at Balley & Co.'s office is the state of the state of the state of the fitted burst of the fitted burst of the state of the sta Mather farm in West Brattleboro.

The Sawtelle Comedy company have resented different plays to large and deevening this week, and the closing performance will be given to-morrow evening. On Wednesday evening a parlor set was given away, William Miller being the lucky

J. H. Henry and his son, E. S. Henry, have been moving their household goods this week from Hinsdale to the Jacobs House on Western avenue, which Mr. J. H. Henry recently bought. Mr. Henry and Mr. Helyar are to take possession of the Hunter shop on Flat street next Tuesday.

The following officers of the People's Five year Benefit Order were chosen at a meeting held at Red Men's hall Wednesday evening: Commander, A. I. Williams: vice communiter, C. G. Whitney; secretary George C. Smith; treasurer, W. C. Horton, prelate, Miss Sasan Houghton; marshal, F. B. Walker: guard, Mrs. Minnie Bliss; offside southrel. George Bliss.

The missionary sale of the junior Eporth league on Wednesday evening at Mrs. C. E. Westgate's was a pleasant af-fair, and quite successful. The fruit, flowers, candy and fancy work tables were in charge of members of the league, and an intertainment of tableaux was given by the children. The receipts, some \$12, will e devoted to foreign missions.

Brattleboro friends have received news the death in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, of Mrs. Amos G. Wooley. Mrs. Wooley will be remembered here as Miss Clara French. She was a sister of Rev. Mrs. E. W. Whitney, and spent some time here while Mr. Whitney was paster of the Universalist church. She went to Cincinnati with Mrs. Whitney and was married there to a young man of prominence.

The annual meeting of the Southern Aqueduct association was held at the office of W. S. Newton Monday evening, when these officers were chosen: President, H. R. Lawrence; directors, Jonathan C. Howe, B. A. Burnham; clerk and treas-

Great chief of records, J. Peter Gardner, Massachusetts, will visit Ononektacat tribe. this (Friday sleep) evening. of adoption will be exemplified, followed by short talks, corn, venison and rabbit. land, Bennington and Bellows Falls will

Austin Hill, who is employed as a farm hand by Henry Clark, fell from a loft to the floor on Monday while feeding stock. A deep gash was cut in his head and his back was severely injured. He was unor crawled to the house. He is improve ig rapidly and his injuries are not consided serious. He is a man from 45 to 50

Miss Hattie Stearns was called to Worester. Mass., last week to attend the fueral of a little nephew, which took place n Wednesday. On the following day her nother, Mrs. Sarah Brown, died, after an liness of only two days from grip. Mrs. Brown was for several years a resident of Stearns, whose sad death by accident is cell remembered. Mrs. Brown leaves five children, four daughter and one son. The body was brought to Brattleboro and placed in the tomb in the Prospect Hill

emetery. The annual meeting of the Sedgwick Relief corps was held last evening at Grand Army hall, and the following officers chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. Myra L. Stone, president: Mrs. Alice G. Weeks, senior vice president; Mrs. Hattie Pratt, junior vice president; Mrs. Emily Allen, reasurer; Mrs. Lenora W. Howe, chaplain: Mrs. Genia M. Pettee, conductor Mrs. Sarah Y. Goodnow, guard; Mrs. Bangs, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Atherton The women of the Industrial Union will Hubbard, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Gibson al-

ternates. The body of Charles Yeaw, formerly of Brattleboro, was brought here for burial Monday, from Colrain, Mass., where he died the Thursday previous from quick consumption. An attack of the grip last spring was the first cause of his disease. About 10 weeks ago he went to Boston for medical advice, but could get no help. and the disease rapidly developed, causing his death as stated above. Funeral services were held at Colrain on Sunday, and n Monday, after prayer at the Methodist church, the remains were buried in the emetery here. Mr. Yeaw removed to Colrain about three years ago, being employed in a mill there. He leaves a wife and two children and one sister, Mrs. H. W. Floyd of

Winthrop, Mass. A fellowship meeting held in the old church on the hill at Dummerston Centre, on Tuesday, was made interesting by the presence of Rev. Mr. Day of Brattleboro, companied by 11 of his parishioners who drove up for the occasion. The topic of the conference meetings, held afternoon and evening, was prayer, considered both as a private devotion and as a social exercise. After the adjournment of the after-noon meeting at 4 o'clock the friends gathered at Wm. O. Miller's, where they were greatly interested in looking over the farm recently bought by E. H. Miller, the well-known singer, and the fine stock of thoroughbred cows and sheep which he has placed upon it. This pleasant duty per-formed they returned to the house where the hospitable mother of the family had spread a generous lunch, supplementing that brought by the visitors, and a delight-

hold a class meeting this evening at the home of Miss Rena Hall. The Vermont Savings bank has declare i

its semi-annual dividend of 21 per cent, over the clay on the road near Col. Fuller's It is expected that the annual meeting of the officers' school of the Vermont na- jeading holiday book. Clapp & Jones have

day about the prospective respening of an day about the prospective respening of an iron mine at that place. Who says Wind-Randolph will explain the government has settled behind the setting sun. sugar bounty matter to the farmers at the hirymen's meeting to be held in Brattle-

Amasa Grout, who formerly worked i evening. A supper was served and a Emerson's Son's store here, but who has of social time with eards was enjoyed. There—late had charge of the Wilmington branch store, has bought the business at that pla-The next meeting of Windham County and will continue it as sole owner. The Wilmington Times says: "Mr. Grout has

The Fortnightly club will meet next Tuesday evening at Mr. Geo. C. Averill's an immense stock of harness and \$500 at 8 o'clock. The papers to be read will worth of whips, robes, etc., will be struck be upon Paris. Each member is expected off to the highest hidder at the Elliot to bring some fact about Paris, past or present, written upon a slip of paper. The slips will be placed in a basket and then drawn at random and resol. A good deal of miscellaneous as well as entertaining information is anticipated.

There was a large attendance at the Unitarian sociable on Tuesday evening. The main feature of interest was the oldashioned spelling match, which followed the supper. Miss Margaret Burnham and Mrs. Ryder "chose up" and Col. Miles acted as school master. The "missing" and "calling over" continued until no one nained on Mrs. Hyder's side, and then the "spelling down" began, Mrs. Draper eing the victor of the evening.

Julius Moore of West Stockbridge, Mass., who formerly traveled with the late James Fisk, met death in a peculiar way last Sunday. In dropping a rope into a well to measure the depth of the water he lost his balance and fell into the well and was drowned. After leaving the road Mr. Moore settled at West Stockbridge, where he has been the proprietor of a hotel for several years.

The St. Johnstory Republican says Apropos of the proposed canning factory, Mr. Eels, the proprietor of the opera house offers to sell that building to the company for \$1000 and take for pay \$1000 in cash, \$2000 on mortgage and \$1000 in the com-pany's stock. The opera house cost about \$6000 and is assessed for \$4000; and from very point of view Mr. Eels's proposition s exceedingly liberal." The opera house it St. Johnsbury was built by Brattleboro men for a skating rink, and later fitted up with a stage and scenery.

The Pilgrim Fathers had a delightful time at their social at Grand Army hall Tuesday night. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of songs by E. L. Parker with Miss Cook as accompanist, plano solos by Miss Turner and Miss Fos ter, instrumental duets by Messrs. Reynolds and Jones, a reading by Mrs. Elmer and a recitation by little Marion Baker. Refreshments were served, and the evening's festivities closed with dancing. A ompany of about 150 were present.

The Kirmess at Orange, Mass., on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings was a splendid success. Large crowds were in attendance and Mr. Wales's class carried off the honors. The pupils who went to Orange to take part in the dances were Nellie Fer-Burnham. It was voted to repair the reservoir and water houses and to raise 50 cents on a share to pay for this, work, the money to be payable July 1st.

Great chief of records, J. Peter Gardner.

Kate McDonald, Isabel Holmes, Annie Gain, Louis Ahrens, Annie Wilson, Will Cain, Sophie Wilson, Annie Wilson, Will Cain, Louis Ahrens, Patsy Higgins, Harry Wales, Edson Burnham, Louis Pettee, in 10 minutes, or in 11 minutes with two stops, and the run from Palmer, 56 miles, riter, Alice Leonard, Mabel McDonald.

The children of the Congregational socigreat senior sagamore, Joel G. Tyler, and ety will hold their annual fair next Wednesgreat junior sagamore, Augustus P. Calder, day evening at the chapel. Their sale will be begin at 6 o'clock, and at 7 o'clock an enwhistler, will give concerts at Bellows after which Rev. Antonia Arrhigi will tell children about the Italian boys and girls in New York. The proceeds of the tracted much attention in different parts fair will be sent as a Christmas present to of Vermont and New Hampshire. the Italian mission at Five Points, New York city, of which Mr. Arrhigi is the

read. Come and help the children. Charles B. Plaisted, for several years the well-known traveling salesman for Leonard & Roess, died very suddenly on Wednesday afternoon at Dr. Clarke's Lake View retreat at Burlington, where he was taken cause of death was apoplexy. He was ill for six weeks at Rutland before being years old and has a wife and three taken to Burlington. Mr. Plaisted was a children. Killington commandery of Knights Templar at Rutland. He will be buried with Masonic honors at that place.

The Boston Record of Wednesday evenng says: A very flattering indorsement of the Estey "philharmonic" organ was received last week by the Estey Organ company from Mr. S. Behrens, conductor of the Minnie Hauk Grand Opera company, now playing at the Boston theater, where they are using the "philharmonic." Among other things Conductor Behrens says: "Your organs were used at our performances in Washington and Baltimore, and gave great satisfaction and delight the tone is won-terfully rich and full, giv-

Frank E. Reed, formerly proprietor of the American House, now proprietor of the Shelburne Falls House, and Liveryman Josyln and Sheriff Swan of that place were called to Albany, N. Y., one day last week to identify the confidence man, line (with several aliases) who about two years ago victimized Farmer Vorce of Shelurne out of \$1000. Mr. Reed and Mr. Joslyn recognized the man as the one who topped at the hotel in Shelburne Falls and who engaged a team there. Rollins had a pai in the Shelburne affair, one Thomas O'Brien. O'Brien, who worked he gold brick game in Rutland, swindled James Peck of Albany, N. Y., out of \$10,-000, was arrested, forfelted his bail of arrested last week and is now awaiting the arrival of extradition papers. It is expected that Rollins will be brought to Massachusetts after he has served out his term

The annual meeting of the Brattleboro East society was held at the chapel Wednesday evening. The trustees reported that the property was all in good condition, and that they had received the bequest of \$1000 from the late Wm. P. Cune, which they had invested at a rate of five per cent. The treasurer reported that all bills had been paid, and that a small balance re-mained. The old board of officers was reclected, as follows: Clerk, L. D. Greene; trustees, Geo. C. Averill, S. W. Kimball, .. F. Adams, Geo. H. Clapp, E. D. Whitney; treasurer, Geo. C. Averill; auditor, H. H. Thompson. The article in relation to the musical committee was dismissed. The matter of expenditures for the coming direction being that they should not exceed the income. A vote of thanks was extended to the volunteer choir and to the ushers. A resolution was passed, recognizing the income of which is to be given each year to the Sunday school. At a later meeting the trustees decided to engage the ladies quartet, with Mr. Leitsinger as organist,

MARY HOWE'S MARRIAGE.

A Genuine Surprise for Her Brattleboro Friends P. M. Baker's store has been improved

A very quiet westeling which will, without death, evente considerable stir in musical direless occurred hast foundly eventing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Window Merriff, No. 73, Hulburn arouse. The briefe was the beautiful Miss Mary How, the well-known concert and operatic sing or of Brattledore, Vi. and the groom Mr. William J. Lavin of New York, equally well-known to the music boding paide. Miss Howe arrived in Geveland on Saturday, Nocember fi, and on the following Westershay sang in a Star course concert. She was the guest of Mrs. Merrill. On Monday morning Mr. Lavin arrived in the city and on the seconing of the same day they were married by Rev. De H. C. Haydin. The briefe wors a plain gray traveling grown. The only witnesses of the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Norrill's medical decided on those they that even Mrs. Merrill's medical second most bath soles the Atlantic. A dressing of gravel has been placed The Garfield edition of Ben Hur is the The literary meeting of the Epworth league was held last evening with Fred Barber on Cedar street, an entertaining

The above paragraph, copied from the develand, Ohio, Leader of last Sunday, that Carruth & Co, are to open a store at Brattleboro, but the aunouncement is evigive the essential facts of an event of local interest which created no little surprise when first it became publicly known last Sunday. Briefly told, the story is that Miss Howe sang in Cleveland on the night before Thanksgiving. She and her broth-er, Mr. Lauden Howe, were the guests point below the milroad yard to the Broad brook bridge. Some of the men came from while in the city of their cousin, Mrs. Mer-rill. They are Thanksgiving dinner with he Merrills on Thursday, and then Mr. Howe left to make certain business arrangements on his way home, where he arrived by the early train on Sunday morning, Nov. 20. Mr. Lavin appeared at Cleve-land on Monday and the wedding took becare on Pompell before the members of the Wheel club at their rooms last evenplace on that day, as above described, the minister of the Congregational church. ing. The lecture was illustrated by stere-option views by Mr. Childs, showing which the Merrills attend, officiating, Whether the wealding was a sudden "ir spiration," or whether Cupid had carefulwhat has been brought to light in this prearranged his plans, deponent suith it. In any case the secret was well kept, and the announcement was a surprise to of rare enjoyment next Monday, when the concert is to be given by Reeves' American Miss Howe's family and all her Brattleboro friends when it reached here in a letter from the bride's own hand on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Lavin came to Brat ileboro on Saturday and remained until Tuesday, when Mrs. Lavin left to fill concert engagements at Greenfield, Northampton and Meriden. On the same day Mr. Lavin left to sing at Hamilton, Ontario

Since the groom has now been fully adopted as a Brattleboro boy it will be in eresting to know that he was born in Detroit 27 years ago, and grew up in that city, finding employment as a book-keeper. feel, at the age of 1s or 10, that a professional career lay before him, and took up the regular study of vocal music. After a time he went abroad, where he studied a year and a half in Italy under Signor Vaninni, a famous teacher at Florence. This studying in Germany. Mr. Lavin and Miss Howe first met at the Worcester festival degree of temperature was recorded here three years ago, where they both made than in many places in the southern states, their American debut. They did not again meet until last December. They sang to-gether at Indianapolis last May, and it was there, while on a visit at the home of Miss Howe's sister, Mrs. Holloway, that their engagement took place. Mr. Lavin is rapidly attaining rank as one of the best tenors of the country and he now holds a leading position in New York city as tenor the famous choir of All Sonis church, which is the church of the late Rev. Dr. H. W. Bellows. Mr. Lavin is a young man of excellent character. He undoubt-edly has a bright future before him and it is superfluous to say that the entire Brattleboro community give cordial good wishes and good will to him, as they always must and will to his charming wife. Mrs. Lavin is 24 years old, and the story of her musical career is too familiar to need repetition in Brattleboro.

It is understood to be the purpose of Mr. and Mrs. Lavin, after completing the engagements of the present season, to go abroad to study for the operatic stage, and in due time to debut in London and on the

VERMONT STATE GRANGE.

The Annual Meeting at St. Johnsbury. The Vermont state grange assembled at Odd Fellows hall in St Johnsbury on Wednesday morning with a good attend-Windham county, although at the southern part of the state, is well represented. There was present also the old-est member of the grange in New England, mas sale last evening was a successful af-fair. The farcical sleeping car scene was fair. The farcing supper. The total received presented after supper. The amount received and aprons Jonathan Lawrence, whose tottering steps told plainly the story of advancing years. The address of State Master from the sale of fancy articles and aprons Messer was given at the morning session. He referred to the favorable farming conpast season, and said that the year had seen a gratifying and prosperous one for The Baptist Sunday school began its the grange as an organization in Vermont. oliday work last Sunday, when large bags, He urged strongly better attention to the given out the week previous and filled meantime with games, books, clothing, ducational interests of the state, and renewed the earnest hope that the legisla ture of next year may pass a good school. the school, to be sent to a mission school law which shall be allowed to remain in force for at least ten years. In his re-marks upon taxation he combatted the idea which has been speciously advanced the South. The result was quite a formidable pile of paper bags about the su-perintendent's desk, which were started ater in the week to help make a happy that money, bonds and other forms of individual investment, should be released from taxation on the plea that this would Of the many new advertisements in this screase the home use of money and make ousiness better.

issue of The Phoenix none is more con-spicuous or attractive than that of the Then came reports from different officouth's Companion, which appears on the ers. The afternoon session was public. The first speaker, Hon. J. O. Sanford of third page of the paper. And the most attractive thing about the advertisement is he state board of agriculture, showed the the program which it gives for the coming year of that remarkably successful paper. necessity for better cultivation and for inreasing the quantity of fertilizers that our farms may produce larger crops. Farm s to lay the foundation for a liberal educawastes were spoken of as causing a great on, and at the same time to reap week by oss. He urged the farmer to study week a good store of the best kind of pleasall the ways for making fertilizers. He uggested "intense" farming or more brain The Boston papers have reports of a work added to the labor and said the farmospective overturn in the affairs of the er must claim his proper place as a busi-'raders' national bank, of which W. A. ess man. He thought it best to root out aulkner is the president, and under whom the trees from the meadows, especially the has done a growing and successful busi cider apple trees which are such a curse to ness. The first reports were that J. W. Work, the cashier of the broken Mayerick the farmer, or at least the elder is An interesting address by Hon. V. I.

bank, had been chosen vice president, that in due time A. P. Potter, the Mayerick Spear, of the state board of agriculture followed, in which he plainly showed that Vermont stood very near the head in all Fraders', and that the bank was to be rethe crops she raised, and in some cases moved to the Maverick quarters. On the stood first, like the production of maple other hand, however, it is denied that this sugar and butter. Also that her horses ranked among the first, Kentucky leading, is the program. But the fact seems to be that a majority interest in the Traders' bank has been bought by parties who wish and that state having procured her first stock from Vermont. Sheep also were first. The manufacturers of the state were The Pioneer Press of St. Paul, Minn., is referred to, like the scale works in this town which lead all others. The marble now printing in full the series of Sunday morning sermons which Rev. S. M. Crothpuarries of Vermont excel all the others. He said Vermont was not only a good ers, formerly of Brattleboro, is preaching his St. Paul church. An issue just at state to be born in, but a good state to hand contains a sermon on "What we owe to Calvaniam." The Pioneer Press says live in, and that the tide of emigration out had stopped. This address was followed by two minute talks by patrons in regard to the possibilities of Vermont. editorially that these sermons are attract-

my vide attention and that:

Mr. Crothers is a man whose gifts have not escaped notice or failed of appreciation. His discourses are full of wcholarship, research and eloquence, and bear the stamp of intense earnestiess of conviction. He appeals to an increasing undergoe of thoughtful people and his work is mown and valued at its worth in the intellectual sentres of the east.

The Descales that Mr. Contents Prof. L. R. Jones of Burlington gave an interesting and instructive lecture upon "plant diseases," illustrated with charts. He spoke upon diseases of the apple, pear and plum tree, of the different grains, and especially the potato. He described the new disease of that plant which has come The Press also states that Mr. Crothers and threatens to be very serious. This talk was highly instructive. added that any one can get full information upon these subjects by sending to the

Burlington experiment station for it. The proceedings of Thursday included reports of granges, resolutions and discussions. Education and double taxation were discussed in the afternoon, and Jonathan Lawrence gave an interesting address on the origin of the grange. The session closed at night after the sixth degree had

LOOKING TOWARD CHRISTMAS.

The time was, and not long ago, when a Christmas "write up" was counted the proper and necessary thing, but that time has gone by. The dealers say it is a chestmut. The real reason for the change we imagine to be that the merchants have grown to make their own announcements so attractive that nothing which can be

said editorially is needed to supplement

them. Look at the array of holiday adver-

tisements in this issue of The Phoenix.

We doubt if anything so general, so compreliensive and so attractive can be found in any other paper in New England. And the best part of it is that this business comes just in the natural course of things because the dealers want it and find it to their advantage to talk to the public in this way. Nobody within reaching distance of Brattleboro, by rail or by carriage, need have any doubt that here will be found the proper and desirable place to make holiday purchases. Merchants do not use newspaper space such as they claim in The Phoenix today without well-stocked shelves

to show for their promises. It is not necessary in these modern days to ask anybody to read the advertisements, for they are sure to be read anyhow. All The Phrenix has to say is that, after you have read them, you may be very sure that in no other town in this section will be found stores in every line of trude so well and completely stocked as in this good town of Brattleboro. The public may be very sure that the style, quality and variety are alike the best and latest that the great markets afford, and that there is competition enough to keep prices at a low-water mark.

Come to Brattleboro.

A DOUBLE PATALITY.

One Man Drowned and Another, who went to His Rescue, Dies from Exposare and Exhaustion.

Lafayette Sprague of Winchester, N. H. was drowned last Saturday, and John P. Hill of the same place, who went to his rescue, met death as a result of exposure and exhaustion. Mr. Hill was 50 years old, a farmer, and Sprague, who was his nephew, was employed in assisting him in his farm work. Last Saturday the two nen, accompanied by Mr. Hill's daught Mary, aged 14, and his son, Carl, aged 10, went to the Lily pond which lies north of Pisgah mountain. The boundary line of the towns of Chesterfield and Winchester runs through this pond. The object of their trip was to hunt, and Mr. Spragu-also carried the necessary tackle for fishing through the ice. About 2 o'clock, while upon the ice some distance from the shore. Sprague broke through. Mr. Hill, who was on the shore, seized a board and rushed to the rescue. When still three rods from the struggling man the ice gave way beneath Hill and he was also precipitated into the water. He thrust out his arms and by means of the board and ice kept himself from sinking. The children then ran to the assistance of their father, when the boy also broke through. The girl suc-ceeded in pulling him out and both ran for help. The nearest dwelling house was nearly two miles away and it was nearly night before those who were summoned reached the pond.

The lifeless body of Mr. Hill was found

clinging to the ice and the board. His head and shoulders were above the water. For some time he had been in poor health. The shock of the cold water and his desperate struggle to pull himself out overcame him and he died of exhaustion. Mr. Sprague was drowned and his body was overed from the bottom of the pond under 10 feet of water.

Mr. Hill was highly respected in Winchester and vicinity. He was the father of 10 children. His wife died a few years ago. His only brother is Dr. G. C. Hill of Keene. Sprague, who was unmarried. was a veteran of the war, having served in the Second New Hampshire regiment. The funerals of both men were held on

Wednesday at Mr. Hill's late home at Winchester.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

The ladies' enterprise society will give an ovster supper at the schoolhouse in Esteyville next Tuesday evening. The Knights and Ladies of Honor hold their semi-annual meeting for election of officers at Red Mens' Hall Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 P. M. All members are urged to be present, as important business will

The Ladies' circle will hold their next meeting in the Universalist vestry next Thursday afternoon. Supper will be served in the evening.

The regular weekly meeting of the W C. T. U. will be held at the usual place and hour, No. 17 Green street, next Tuesday. Miss Addie Reed will talk to the ladies on matters of interest connected with The subject of the lecture at the Univer-

salist church Sunday evening by Rev. F. W. Sprague will be "Should the World's Fair at Chicago be open on Sunday? Services in St. Michael's (Episcopal) church on the third Sunday in Advent,

Dec. 13th: 9:30 A. M., holy communion: 40:30 a. M., morning prayer, litany and sermon; 7 P. M., evening prayer, Rev. S. R. Free of Northfield, Mass. will preach in the Unitarian church on Sunday in exchange with Rev. Mr. Phalen.

opic in the morning, "Future Probation, In the evening, "Hationalism in Religion," "Comfort from the story of the resurrection," will be considered at the me of the Baptist Y. P. S. C. E. next Thes-

The ladies of the Episcopal society dd their sale of Christmas articles at Red Men's hall Wednesday evening. A supper will be served, the men acting as waiters. The annual Universalist parish meeting or the election of officers and the transaction of other Lusiness will be held Tuesday evening.

The annual meeting of the Baptist society will be held next Tuesday evening.

BENNINGTON COUNTY COURT.

The libel suit of L. P. Norton against James B. Livingston, editor of the Bennington Reformer, was decided yesterday, the jury finding damages for \$500 and The court ruled that the Reformer publication was actionable per se, and the defence, therefore, was in mitigation of the damages. This case was the second libel suit won against the Reformer within a The famous case of Rudd against Rounds

allenating his wife's affections has been decided, giving Rudd \$600 damages. Rounds took an appeal.

Wm. Timmons, postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that had feeling arising from kidney and liver trouble." John Leslis, farmer and stockman, of same place says: "I find Electric Bitters to be the best kidney and liver medicine; made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies." He found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50 cents a bottle, at F. H. Holden & Co. a drug store.

WOLCOTT BALESTIER. SUDDEN DEATH OF THE BRIL-

LIANT YOUNG WRITER.

A Sketch of his Life and Work. The startling news was received on Mon day of the death, in Dresden, of Mr. Wolcott Balestier, the rising young writer, brother of Mr. B. S. Balestier of Brattle-boro and grandson of Madam Halestier. It is only four weeks ago that there was printed in the local columns of The Pho-nix a sketch of Mr. Balestier's life in connection with the brilliant serial story, "The Naulahka," which began in the November Century, written by Mr. Balestier and Rudyard Kipling, in collaboration. The career in literature upon which Mr. Balestier had just entered was one of remarkable promise, and in the circle of men of letters, among whom he was just attaining an enviable place, his loss will be deemed irreparable.

Mr. Balestier was just approaching his 31st year, having been born in Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1861. His grandfather, as stated in The Phoenix article referred to. was the late Hon. Erasmus Peshine Smith of Rochester, N. Y., a man of high distinction in the law and in the public affairs with which he was connected. His knowledge of international law was of great valus to William H. Seward and Hamilton Fish, as secretaries of state. His most notable work was accomplished when, in 1871, under the recommendation of Secretary Fish, he went to Japan as advisor to the Mikado in international law. He was the first American to thus assist the Japanese government in an official capacity and he did much toward the advancement of the kingdom in the path of modern progress and development then entered up

Mr. Balestier's father, who was the son of the late J. N. Balestier of New York city and Brattleboro, himself died at the age of 30, leaving a wife and a family of four children, two sons and two daughters of whom Wolcott was the eldest. In his boyhood, from 10 to 16, much of the lad's time was spent with his grandparents on their Brattleboro farm. He was educated at Rochester and at Cornell University. For one term at least he attended the Brattleboro High school, his mother and her children living at Mrs. Kirkland's. As he approached manhood he developed a strong taste for journalism, being first employed on the Rochester Post-Express, and afterward having a place in the Astor library, New York city, and doing more or less work for the New York Tribune. For a time he was editor of Tid Bits, a New York humerous publication. His taste or literature and his facility as a writer developed early, and it was while he was em-ployed in the Astor library that he wrote his first novelette, "A Fair Device." He had the usual difficulty of a young author in finding a publisher, but when John W. Lovell saw the work he at once perceived its taking quality and brought it out in one of his cheap editions, and it had a large sale. It was at this same time, in the year 1884, that he wrote his life of James G. Blaine, which was also published in the Lovell series. The work was crude and faulty, as it must inevitably have been. but the remarkable thing about it was the pace at which it was written. At only two weeks' notice the youngster gathered his material and dashed off the copy in his olds and ends of time. A friend relates how he used to write a dozen or 20 pages of the work each morning as he rode down town on the elevated trains. A few years later he went to the far West, spending a year in Colorado, where his familiarity with the life of that region, so picturesque-ly described in the Naulahka, was obtain-He also spent some time in Mexico.

Three years ago he went to London in the interest of Mr. Lovell. Here he was brought into contact with the leading liter-ary men resident there, and many warm friendships were formed, among them Henry James, the novelist, and Edmund Gosse A year ago the firm of Heinemann & Balestier was formed. This was a stock company, with headquarters at Leipsic, organeditions of current English literature, as a rival to the famous Tauchnitz editions. The business of the firm is understood to have been very successful. In London Mr. Balestier made the acquaintance of Rudyard Kipling, and it was in January and February of last year that "The Naulahka, a story of West and East," was written. This work is in a rare sense a collaboration, the two young men being close and sympathetic personal friends, and Bal-estier's knowledge of life in the far West of America supplementing in a curious and unusual way Mr. Klpling's life and ex-perience in the East gained through his early years in India. For this story the Century company paid a handsome price, and it is understood that since its completion Mr. Balestier has written a novel of his own, which is already in the hands of the same publishers for early use. the past year he had contributed "A victo Defeat" to Harper's Magazine and

"A Common Story" to the Century.

As already indicated, the death of the young man took place at Dresden, where he had gone on business for his firm. The news of his serious illness was received by his brother in a letter which arrived las-Friday, announcing that his mother and sisters were then on their way from Paris to Dresden to care for him. A letter re-ceived yesterday brings the information that the cause of death was typhoid fever, and that Mr. Balestier had been in a hospital for two weeks. The young man's last visit to this country was in May of this year, when he came here to accompany his

mother and sisters abroad. Mr. Balestier was a young man of pure and gentle nature, and one who literally absorbed his knowledge of men and thing and of the inner workings of human life such knowledge seeming to come to him by intuition rather than by actual experi ence and contact. His case was one of the rare ones where a writer, conscious of his own ability, deliberately waited until years of maturity came before making a final entrance upon the field of literature, knowing that only in this way could his best work be done and a permanent reputation be achieved. It was in this spirit, as was well known by his friends, that he waited after the age of 21 for his 30th year to arrive. Just on its eve and when he felt his career to be assured, death claimed him, leaving a wide circle of friends sorely stricken, and the world of literature the

poorer by his loss.

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